Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 31 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 01 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 31 Oct 2021 at 02:26 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for conditions deteriorating on Sunday morning as rain spreads north with strong winds accompanying it. Lower confidence in timings and amount of rainfall. Unsettled again on Monday marking a change to a cold northerly airstream for next week.

Headline for Sunday 31 Oct 2021: A dry start, rain and strong winds spreading north for a time, some showers later.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 31 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
20%	30%	70%	70%	30%	30%

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Weather: Cloud thickening by dawn, as area of rain moves north during the morning reaching Glen Shiel by mid morning and continuing to spread north, perhaps Ben Hope staying dry until lunchtime. Precipitation may fall as sleet at first on the higher munros but will readily turn to rain during the afternoon. Rain will clear from the south by mid afternoon and becoming brighter again for a time. Some heavy showers are possible during the late afternoon and evening more so for southern ranges.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% early on Sunday morning but reducing to 40% associated with the area of rain. Improving later in the afternoon back to 80% but reducing again in any showers.

Visibility: A fine start to the day with good views likely especially for the more northerly hills around Assynt, visibility will reduce as cloud and rain spread from the south and by late morning visibility will reduce to just a few kilometres in rain and sleet. Cloud bases will fall during the morning and become broken above 500m, perhaps low cloud will be more scattered for Cuillins where there is some shelter in the southeasterly. Cloud will lift and break as rain clears in the late afternoon, although cloud is likely to linger around more eastern ranges remaining scattered above 600m. Cloud will thicken and lower in any showers during the evening period.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	14/17 E	34/40 E	39/47 E	24/29 E	11/14 SE	7/10 SW	10/15 SW
900	14/17 E	33/39 E	38/46 E	23/29 E	12/15 SE	7/10 SW	11/16 SW
600	9/13 E	22/30 E	26/34 E	16/22 E	8/12 SE	5/8 SW	7/12 SW
300	7/15 E	5/27 E	8/35 E	6/21 E	3/9 E	3/7 SW	4/11 SW
Glen	13/18 E	20/36 E	17/34 E	11/20 E	7/10 E	2/4 NE	3/6 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-2	1/-7	1/-7	2/-4	2/-2	2/-1	1/-3
900	3/-2	2/-6	2/-6	3/-3	3/-1	2/-1	2/-2
600	5/2	4/-1	4/-2	5/1	5/2	4/2	4/1
300	5/3	5/4	6/3	7/5	6/5	5/4	5/3
Glen	8/5	8/4	8/5	9/7	8/7	7/7	7/6
Freezing Level*	1100m	1100m	1300m	1400m	1300m	1200m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Although conditions will be reasonable in the morning, it will turn quite unpleasant in the hills with gales on the summits and heavy rain and poor visibility for a time during the day. There will be a significant wind chill through the day. Winds will ease later in the day.

Forecast for Monday 01 Nov 2021

Weather: Cloudy overnight with some heavy rain around ranges near the west coast and Skye. Strengthening northwesterly winds will push showers into western ranges during the morning. Frequent showers may turn wintery over the munro tops and could be heavy for a time. Some brighter and drier conditions likely for the far west and south in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 25-30mph with gusts 35-40mph. Some stronger gusts likely in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%, periods of showery rain will lower cloud below summits at times during the day.

Visibility: Scattered or broken low cloud above 600m but as periods of showery rain approach cloud will thicken and lower over the hills perhaps to 500m temporarily. In sleety showers visibility will become quite poor for a time. Low cloud will tend to thin and clear later in the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius falling to 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1300m falling to 1000m

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